

**AGRICULTURE****Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme**

SCHEME, DATED 8TH JULY 1974, MADE BY THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954 AS AMENDED BY THE AGRICULTURE (TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE) (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1957.

The Head of the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Head of the Department of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Agriculture (Temporary Assistance) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1954 and 1957(a) and of all other powers him thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

*Short title and commencement*

1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 10th day of July 1974.

*Revocation*

2. The Seed Potato (Improvement) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971(b) is hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

3. In this Scheme—

“approved” means approved in writing by the Department;

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture;

“the Board” means the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland.

*Purpose of grants*

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Department may make to the Board grants towards expenditure reasonably incurred by the Board in the carrying out of approved proposals for the purposes specified in the next paragraph.

*Proposals eligible for grants*

5.—(1) Grants under the preceding paragraph may be made in respect of approved proposals designed to increase efficiency in the growing, handling, storing, transporting or marketing of seed potatoes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) approved proposals may relate to—

(a) incentives to growers in Northern Ireland to plant seed potatoes with a high degree of freedom from disease;

- (b) work of an experimental, research or development nature in connection with the production, grading, handling, storing or transporting of seed potatoes;
- (c) the survey or development of markets for seed potatoes;
- (d) the organisation or participation in shows or exhibitions with a view to promoting the sale of Northern Ireland seed potatoes; or
- (e) publicity relating to the seed potato industry of Northern Ireland.

*Conditions of making grants*

6. It shall be a condition of the making of a grant to the Board under this Scheme that—

- (1) proposals have been submitted in writing to the Department by the Board;
- (2) proposals have been approved;
- (3) no modification of the approved proposals has been carried out except with the prior approval of the Department; and
- (4) the approved proposals have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Department.

*Amount of grants*

7.—(1) The amount or the rate of grant payable in respect of any approved proposal shall be such amount or rate as the Department shall specify in the letter of approval to the Board.

(2) Where an approved proposal is completed only in part the Department may, if satisfied that the purpose of the proposal has been achieved to an extent which it considers reasonable make a grant to the Board of an amount appropriate to the extent to which the proposal has been carried out.

(3) The aggregate of grants made to the Board under this Scheme shall not exceed £50,000.

(4) The Department may reduce or withhold any grant under this Scheme in any case where assistance for the same purpose is given under any other Statutory Provision.

(5) No grant under the Scheme shall be made by the Department after 31st March 1977.

Dated the 8th day of July 1974.

*Donaldson,*  
Head of the Department of Agriculture  
for Northern Ireland.

I approve of the foregoing Scheme

Dated the 9th day of July 1974.

*J. D. Concannon,*  
Head of the Department of Finance  
for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Scheme provides for the payment of grants to the Seed Potato Marketing Board for Northern Ireland in respect of proposals designed to increase the efficiency of the seed potato industry and approved by the Department. Grants are limited to a total of £50,000.